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photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Lance Cpl. Michael Mojica, a plane captain with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, refuels an F/A-18 Hornet Tuesday. Plane captains perform a variety of jobs ranging from refueling to inspecting aircraft.

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Vehicle misuse still problem

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

In the past six months, the misuse of government vehicles has greatly decreased aboard the air station.

However, the problem still exists. There are many circumstances considered misuse, and using government property to perform any personal business is prohibited.

"These vehicles are given to the units for work purposes," said Petty Officer 1st class Jim Streicher, H&HS roadmaster. "We have a public trust to not use the taxpayers money to run our own personal errands."

Unless the use of a government vehicle is directly related to the performance of military duty, it is considered fraud, waste and abuse.

"If your out in the GOV during work, don't make a quick stop at the bank or the commissary," said Streicher. "If I catch you, I will give you a citation, take your license, keys and vehicle on the spot, and you will be walking back to work. You will lose your government license immediately."

Some examples of misuse include using a government vehicle to travel to and from the home, work, commissary, exchange, club, chow hall, recreation areas, etc.

Some other areas that are considered misappropriate use are parking vehicles at domiciles or leaving the air station to drop off and pick up personnel at the airport.

Although travel to and from the airport is possible, all requests to pick up personnel or family members must be submitted to station motor transport before travel.

"Before leaving the air station to pick up any personnel from the airport, personnel must pick up trip tickets from us first," said Streicher.

The personal use of government vehicles to travel within the minimum walking distance, determined as two-miles one way, is also prohibited. In such cases, personnel are encouraged to walk or seek other means of travel, such as the station bus system.

"There is no reason anybody can't walk two-miles," said Streicher. "These vehicles are for official use only, not for you to go pick up doughnuts."

According to Streicher, in the past six months the number of government vehicle misuse has greatly decreased. He attributes this to better communication between Motor Transport and the

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Enjoy your stay

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

As the Patriot Express made its final approach, I peered out the window in amazement at my first glimpse of Japan.

I didn't know what to expect, but I knew I was stationed here for the next year of my life, so good or bad, I had to make the best of it.

On my first day, I was lucky enough to run into some old friends, and they took me out on the town for a first hand look at Japan.

As I walked the streets at night, I was confused by all the signs, and realized just how far from home I really was.

When we got to dinner, I let them do all the talking of course, as I just sat there with the "deer caught in the headlights look." The Japanese people asked me questions, to which I just nodded, and brought me unusual looking food to eat. It was a great night, and I had a good time learning a little about the area. My friends told me Japan was a great place to be and full of interesting things to see – if I gave it a chance. I felt very fortunate and looked forward to my tour here.

After we got back to the barracks, I met some other Marines who also told me their thoughts on Iwakuni.

According to them, Iwakuni was not so great, and there was absolutely nothing to do except go to the club, or work out in the gym.

As time past by, I kept my eye on those Marines and watched how they spent their time. They seemed so focused on returning stateside, they never opened up their mind and experienced what was right outside the gate.

I've been here now for nearly 10 months, and I continue to go out with my friends and see whatever I can. I have even made some great Japanese friends.

Sometimes on my way out of the barracks, or

returning from out in town, I would run into the same Marines who told me Iwakuni had nothing to offer. One of them even shouted "82 days and a wake up," continuously reminding himself how long before he got out of here.

I wonder what makes these Marines think so negatively about this place. Personally, one of my main reasons for joining the Marine Corps was the opportunity to experience new things and see new places around the world. Many times I've offered to take them out in town. Even when I just suggested we take a drive and see something new, I always got the same answer, "thanks anyway, but I'm just going to chill in the barracks."

Being stationed overseas is such a great opportunity, I would never spend it just sitting around the base, counting the days before I rotated back stateside.

Since my stay, I've done some really fun things like snowboarding (indoors and out), visited Miyajima, Hiroshima and Osaka, done some great fishing all around the area, visited shrines and festivals, and eaten some very interesting food along the way.

In fact, Japan has so many things to offer, I wasn't able to see them all in my first year, so I decided to extend. Why not, when in my life will I ever have an opportunity like this one again? For those who just arrived, and happen to meet those guys I was talking about earlier, don't listen to everything you hear. I understand that Japan isn't for everyone, but how would you know unless you get out there and see it for yourself. If you get it in your head that there is nothing to do, you will have a miserable time and regret your stay, counting the days before you leave. However, if you keep an open mind and have any sense of adventure, Japan will be one of the best experiences of your life.

If you don't know what's out there, open your eyes. It's strange, new and exotic; all you have to do is venture out.

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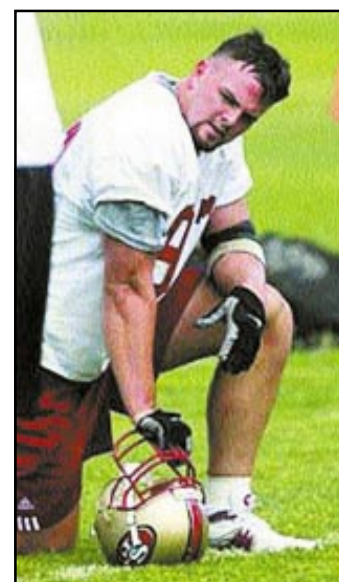
Milem uses Marine discipline to succeed in pro football

Timmi Toler
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With stats boasting five tackles, three solos, and two assists, 6'7, 290-pound, John Milem, is about to wrap up his rookie season as a defensive end with the San Francisco 49ers.

Not to shabby for a guy who weighed 180 pounds in high school, and whose workout tape sent to the NFL Scouting Combine was returned to him unopened. His road to the pros was not an easy ride, but his passion for the game, and the determination instilled in him by the United States Marine Corps, was a draw for the 49ers, who picked him up during this seasons NFL draft. (Okay, he was a fifth round pick, but whose counting?)

Milem's football days as a tight end for Rowan High School in Salisbury, N.C. didn't produce any scholarship offers when he graduated in 1993. He



Internet photo

Former Camp Lejeune Marine, John Milem, takes a breather during a 49ers practice session

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Iwakuni recycling program could set tone for military

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay
Torii Teller Staff

Iwakuni's recycling center recently kicked off a pilot program aimed at improving recycling aboard the air station, and it could have far reaching effects not only in Iwakuni, but for the entire military.

"This pilot program is a push by our environmental recycling division to try to cut the cost on refuse disposal here on the base," said Ed Fancher, Family Housing director.

New recycling containers, along with instructions, were placed at every residence in Building 655. If the month long pilot project works there, it will spread to the entire air station.

"If we can get each one of the members here on base to help us by segregating garbage into the containers that we've provided for them, it's going to help us reduce our solid waste disposal costs," said Jeff Piatt, Solid Waste and Recycling manager.

The recycling containers are broken down into four compartments. The compartments are for glass, aluminum, plastic and other. "Other basically means combustible," said Piatt.

"Our main goal is that we want to set the example for all the bases in Japan and the Far East, and then have it spread to the bases in America," said Paul Camire, Environmental director. "We feel that if we set the standard for recycling

here, then this type of program will just grow. Segregation at the source can definitely happen. We will prove it here in Iwakuni," he said.

With the planning behind it, the program will be successful, said Camire.

"If you provide people the tools to get the job done it will happen. We will be making the headlines not just here in Japan, but all over Asia and possibly all over the United States. I can almost guarantee it," he said.

Money saved from the project could soar up to \$250,000, and Fancher says that money will be re-directed back to the air station for quality of life improvements.

However, Piatt cautions that the success of the program is only pos-

sible with the support of the entire air station community.

"Recycling is an all-hands effort. It must happen 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to be successful. It won't work unless we have the support of the people," said Piatt.

"We have to ask every single person on this air station — the school systems, the civilians, families in housing, the people in the Temporary Lodging Facility and obviously all the Marines and Navy personnel to get behind this project," said Camire.

"We need all of their help. The tools are going to be there for them. It's going to be very easy, and the benefits for this base will be fantastic."

Questions answered on AFN radio show

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

American Forces Network, radio station Power 1575, will start a live call in radio show Jan. 31.

The half-hour morning program, the "Commanders Corner," will allow listeners to call the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni directly and ask questions concerning the air station.

"I'm really excited about the show," said Col. Richard Dunn, MCAS commanding officer. "This is something that I wanted to do for a long time, and I think it will be a great opportunity to hear questions and concerns the community has."

Much like an on-air town hall meeting, the program will cover various issues, and each show will be guided by a particular topic, such as Marine Corps Community Services or Facilities concerns.

Residents are encouraged to call in and address any concern they may have, regardless of the show's focus.

"If we have someone here from MCCS that day, it doesn't mean you can't ask a question concerning Facilities," Dunn said. "Also, it doesn't necessarily have to be a question, if you have positive feedback on something aboard the air



photo by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare

Colonel Richard Dunn, station commanding officer, answers calls regarding air station issues on a new AFN radio show.

station, we would like to hear that too."

The Commanders Corner will begin Jan. 31, from 8:05 to 8:30 a.m., and air on the last workday of each month thereafter. To participate, call 253-1575.

News Briefs

Valentine Message

The *Torii Teller* will publish your Valentine's Day message in the Feb. 9 edition. This will be a chance for station residents to express their heart felt emotions to their special others. Stop by Building 360, Room 7 or e-mail the *Torii Teller* Press Chief at olmsteadj@iwakuni.usmc.mil to submit your message.

School Closure

Matthew C. Perry Elementary and High schools are closed Tuesday to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday and Jan. 29 for a teacher's workshop.

Commissary Closure

Due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the commissary will be closed Tuesday. The Commissary will reopen Wednesday.

Station Guests

Residents are reminded should they sponsor a guest aboard the air station that they are responsible for that person's conduct at all times. Additionally, the guest must be in the sponsor's presence at all times.

Appointments

Medical and Dental guidelines require that residents with appointments arrive 15 minutes early to complete necessary paperwork.

Tax season approaches

Station center helps individuals file taxes smoothly

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
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The station tax center is scheduled to open Jan. 30, to assist air station residents in preparing and filing federal income tax returns for the 2000 tax year.

Before going to the tax center, there are things filers should know to bring with them to make the process go smoothly.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Debra Laythe, legal services chief, the most important thing individuals filing for a tax return can bring with them is their W-2 form and their social security number.

Filers should also bring proof of a valid social security number of all dependents to be claimed.

According to Laythe, there are other important papers each individual needs to have on hand while filing, such as interest statements from savings or checking accounts, child care expenses records of child support payments, mortgage interest statements, individual retirement account contributions and dividends, interest and capital gains and losses from

the sale of stocks bonds or property.

"People need to check this list to see what applies to them, and if it does apply to them, we have to have it," Laythe said. "What applies most for single Marines is the interest on their bank statements."

There will be volunteers from station units helping with any problems or questions individuals may have on how to file.

"One problem new Marines have is if their parents claim them they can not file," Laythe said. "If they file before their parents, they will not be able to claim them."

According to Laythe, the general deadline for filing taxes for the year 2000 is April 16. If you are going to receive a refund the deadline is extended until June 16.

Individuals filing at the last minute can expect more time in the processing of their returns as the Internal revenue Service becomes busier as the deadline approaches. Everyone is reminded to file as soon as possible to ensure a quick refund.

The tax center is located on the first deck of Building 608 at the Station Judge advocate's office.

Hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also Saturday in February from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.


For more information call the tax center on or after Jan. 30 at 253-3540.

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various units.

"We've gotten the word out," said Streicher. "The units understand that if these things happen, they will lose their vehicle."

Personnel with questions regarding the use of government vehicles are encouraged to call the Motor Transportation at 253-3063, or e-mail at motortsmb@iwakuni.usmc.mil.



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spent a little time at Mars-Hill College, N.C., playing football and while his love for the sport was obvious, he lacked the endurance to maintain and quit after one season. "I wasn't disciplined enough," admitted Milem, "but I wasn't going to sit around. I didn't want to be a college dropout and I didn't want to go work in a factory."

Unsure of what the next step in life would be, he looked to his dad for the answers. Having served several years in the Army, his father pointed him in the direction of the military, specifically the Army. But John had his own direction to find. "He told me, 'dad, if I am going to learn something from the military, I am going to learn from the best. I am joining the Marine Corps,'" said his father, Jerry Milem, "The Marine corps was a turning point for John, it helped him mature and focus on what he wanted to do and where he wanted to go."

The "to do" was football. The "to go" was the top.

John did 14 weeks of basic training at Parris Island, and spent his remaining service time stationed at Camp Lejeune. He learned the discipline and strength that only the Marine Corps can impart, and conditioned his body in preparation

for his dream.

After receiving an honorable discharge in 1996, he began working in Charlotte as a bouncer at a local bar. He ran into an old friend, NFL wide receiver, Shannon Meyers, who suggested he contact the coaches at Lenoir-Rhyne College, who were looking for players. Milem was enthused, and Meyers set up the meeting for him and head coach, Bob Hart.

One meeting was all Hart needed. "He walked in the room, the room went dark," laughed Hart, "and I thought, 'You better give this guy a shot.'"

Milem went on to start 19-of-22 games in two seasons at Lenoir-Rhyne and recorded 84 tackles (56 solo) and 16 sacks for loss of 132 yards.

Though he had another year of eligibility left at Lenoir-Rhyne, Milem wanted to hit the big time. "I talked to scouts and they said I had a chance (of playing in the NFL)," Milem said. "I talked to my parents and teammates and they said, 'Go.'"

He spent several months getting ready, and hoping for the illusive NFL Scouting Combine invite, thus the fated unopened workout tape.

An individual workout was scheduled for Milem at Lenoir-Rhyne where he ran a 4.72-second 40-yard dash for scouts from 28 teams last spring and showed off a vertical leap of 36 inches.

He bench-pressed 225 pounds 28 times. And

the 49ers took notice, but waited till the fifth round before picking up Milem.

"It's been a learning experience for us all," says his dad. "We got involved in a very complex organization. You think you know what's going on looking at it from the outside, when you get inside and become part of it, it's a whole new ball game."

The 49ers defensive end coach finally made the call to John to tell him he'd been chosen.

"I thought the 49ers might be the one," says Milem. "They flew out here. There were five teams that were high on me, that I thought were likely to take me. San Fran was one of them. I'm fortunate."

Fortunate, and young in the game, coming out of a Division II college, Milem didn't take the pounding from a big time football program.

And spending his service time in the Marine Corps, he learned his endurance from 'a lot of ground pounding, on 25-mile marches and 'standing in the woods three weeks at a time.'

The 49er's, and the NFL realize that Milem hasn't yet reached his potential in the sport.

"The competition at the pro level is tough but this guy hasn't tapped out yet," says his dad, "he's learning as he's performing. He has a whole new respect for the game."

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other black leaders of the time organized one of

the largest civil rights demonstrations in the history of our nation — the March on Washington. Standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. King gave a speech to a crowd of 250,000 people. It dramatized the mistreatment of black Americans over the past 100 years, since the

signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. This speech touched the hearts of Americans, and brought the civil rights movement to all new heights.

Below is an insert of his famous speech given Aug. 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C.

I have a dream

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. And when we allow freedom to ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children — black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants — will be able to join hands and to sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, free at last; thank God Almighty we are free at last."

The life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan. 15, 1929 — Born in Atlanta.

June 1948 — Receives B.A. from Morehouse College.

June 1951 — Receives B.A. from Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.

June 1953 — Marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Ala.

September 1954 — Becomes Minister at Dexter Ave Baptist, Montgomery, Ala.

May 1955 — Receives Ph.D. from Boston University.

December 1956 — Boycott ends when Montgomery Bus Company agrees to desegregate buses.

August 1957 — Becomes President of the Southern Leadership Conference.

September 1958 — "Stride toward Freedom," published.

February 1959 — Dr. King visits India to study nonviolent tactics of Mahatma Gandhi.

January 1960 — Becomes Co-Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta.

October 1962 — Arrested at a "sit-in," Atlanta.

December 1961 — Arrested at a prayer vigil, Albany, Ga.

October 1962 — Meets with President John F. Kennedy to discuss Civil Rights.

April 1963 — Gives "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington, D.C.

December 1964 — Awarded Nobel Peace Prize.

March 1965 — Organizes Voter Registration March from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

August 1965 — Voting Rights Act signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

March 1967 — Continues opposition to the Vietnam War in Chicago speech.

April 4, 1968 — Killed by sniper at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tenn.

November 1983 — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday instituted.

In commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the air station will host a celebration today at 11 a.m., at the Sakura Theatre.



Plane cap

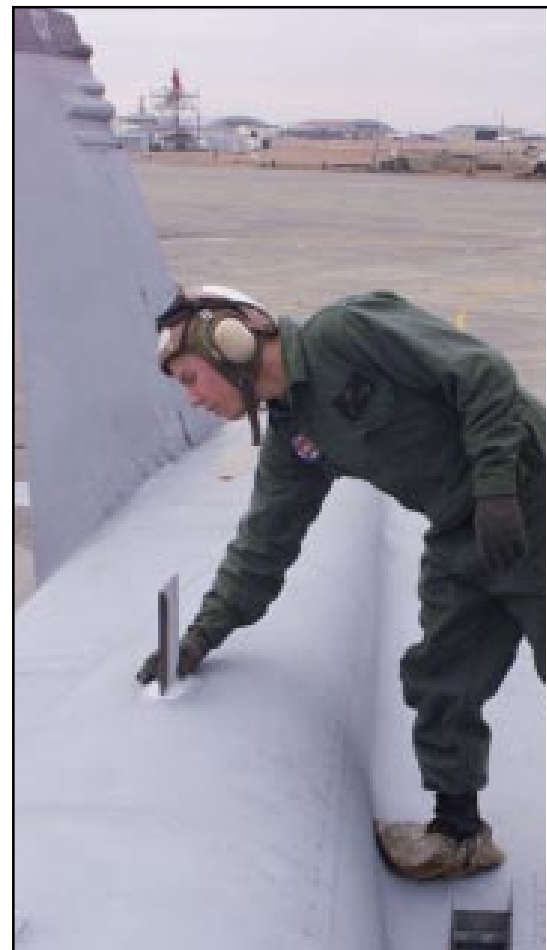
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Each morning the F/A-18C Hornets of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 await the call to arms on the cold flight line, but those w



photos by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

ABOVE: Lance Cpl. Eric Patwell, a VMFA-212 plane captain, crawls out of a jet intake during a daily inspection. Plane captains are the only individuals who are qualified to do such inspections. **RIGHT:** Lance Cpl. Bryan Dimmick, a VMFA-212 plane captain, stands off to the side of the aircraft as the pilot tests his controls. **FAR RIGHT:** Lance Cpls. Kendall Kramer, Bryan Dimmick and Kyle Bridges, VMFA-212 plane captains, perform a thorough final check on the aircraft to ensure nothing has been overlooked before it is launched.



Lance Cpl. Bryan Dimmick, a VMFA-212 plane captain, inspects antennas and the surface of the aircraft during daily and turn around inspections to ensure everything is safe.



Captains give aircraft 'thumbs up'

make sure the aircraft can fly shrug off that cold to ensure the pilots can accomplish their mission.

With the call "pilots are walking," plane captains make their way to the Hornets to ensure the integrity of the aircraft will meet the pilot's needs.

The daily routine for a plane captain becomes second nature, but there is no room for complacency when dealing with a \$30 million aircraft.

Lance Cpl. Marshall Bryant, a VMFA-212 plane captain, is just one of several plane captains who act as an essential second set of eyes for pilots.

"We are the final eyes on the aircraft," the native of Draper, Utah said. "After we inspect the aircraft and let it go, it's in the hands of the pilots."

Plane captains fix engines and secondary power systems, fuel, move and inspect the aircraft. More importantly, they look for discrepancies on the plane such as cracks, leaks or loose panels or parts.

"If we find something wrong and it's from our shop we fix it, and if not, we alert the shop it belongs to," said Lance Cpl. Eric Patwell, another VMFA-212 plane captain. "Then we record it on the inspection sheet."

If something looks out of place or needs to be tested, the deafening roar of the engines makes it nearly impossible to communicate verbally.

According to Patwell, plane captains usually use hand signals to talk to the pilots and radios, when available, to talk with each other.

"If I need a troubleshooter for ordnance, I make a 'T' with my hands to call for them," Patwell said. "We understand hand signals between each other."

The tension builds as the inspection comes to a close, the wheel chocks are pulled and everyone but the plane captain moves away from the roaring aircraft. Standing off the side of the aircraft he gives a thumbs up, comes to attention and salutes the pilot, releasing the jet into his hands.

After the jet taxis toward the runway, the deafening noise drifts away and all that is left is the smell of jet exhaust, the morning air heated by the jet wash and a sense of nervousness, said Bryant.

According to Bryant, there are numerous inspections to ensure the aircraft is safe. But our final check is the last time we can find a discrepancy. That's why we look so hard.

The job that is entrusted to plane captains does not go unnoticed by the pilots, whose lives ultimately depend on their skill to notice a problem with the bird before it leaves the ground.

"We trust them to find problems that can cause serious malfunctions while airborne," said Capt. Wes Pilgrim, a VMFA-212 pilot. "We expect them to do their job well, to

protect us and get the jets back safely."

To ensure plane captains can do their job well, they go through more than a year of schooling and once on station, spend 3-4 months completing a syllabus, taking a written and practical application test, then standing a board with questions related to their job.

Once qualified, they supervise on the job training to ensure new plane captains can take their place when they leave. According to Bryant, with such a high turn around of plane captains, especially lance corporals and below, it is essential that they be trained well.

"I think I was trained by some real good plane captains who were here for a couple of years," Bryant said. "I try to pass that knowledge on to the new guys, so the pilots will be safe."

The responsibility placed on plane captains ensures that the 12 to 13 daily launches will be a success and the aircraft will return.

"There's a lot of trust, and we rely on them for a lot," Pilgrim said. "As far as the pilots go, we're proud to have them out there."



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Japanese come of age

by Sgt. Michael Wiener
Media Chief

More than 500 Japanese gathered at the Iwakuni Civic Center Monday to celebrate their adulthood.

Turning 20 years old is the official age of adulthood in Japan and is recognized by the government with a national holiday called "Seijin no Hi," or "Coming of Age Day."

Young men were dressed in suits, and the women were dressed in traditional kimonos for the hour-long ceremony. Prior to entering the auditorium, they gathered outside talking and laughing with friends.

"It took a lot of preparation to come here today," said Keiko Suzuki, an Iwakuni resident. "Tonight, my friends and I will go out and celebrate together."

The coming of age ceremony dates back several hundred years, according to David Plath, a Kodansha Encyclopedia contributor. In ancient times, boys took part in the ritual "Genpuku-shiki," their step into manhood. A ceremonial hat was usually placed on the boys' head. The ceremony was later simplified to cutting or shaving a bit of the "maegami," or bangs, in order to wear the hat. The ritual was for 15-year-old boys, though there was no set age for the ceremony.

For the first son, the especially important ceremony was con-

ducted by his father, according to Plath. When his younger brothers reached manhood, the first son would in turn perform the same ritual for them. The rituals were more elaborate for boys, since feudal Japan regarded young men more important than young women.

The ritual began at the age of 13 for Japanese women, and they dyed their teeth black to mark their adulthood. Blackened teeth later became the sign for married

women and could be seen late into the Meiji period (1868-1912).

The "mayuharai," or eyebrow-shaving rite, was another way women showed they had reached womanhood. The women who performed this ritual were known as "kenuki-oya," or hair-pulling mother, since the hair was either shaved or just pulled out.

Monday's ceremony and those of recent years past are much less painful. Young adults dress in Kimonos, some costing as much as

\$10,000, and fine suits. Women can be seen wearing white furs, and spend hours prior having their hair, make-up and nails done.

During the ceremony, the new adults received gift certificates from local businesses and a disposable camera to capture the memories.

"This is a very exciting day," said Nami Yoshido, another Iwakuni resident. "It's important to me and my family because it's symbolic of my new adulthood."



photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy LeMaster

Dressed up in full kimonos and many wearing furs, many young Japanese descended on the Iwakuni Civic Center on Coming of Age day, meeting friends and taking photos to mark the occasion.

Out the gate

Kyogen Theater

Motoya Izumi, a famous Kyogen Actor, will perform at the Sinfonia Iwakuni on Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at Sinfonia Iwakuni, Fuji Grand Iwakuni, DeODEO Iwakuni, the bookstore in youme town Minami Iwakuni. Seats on second floor are available for 2,000 yen. For more information call 23-5500.

Tondo (Fire) Festival

The Tondo Festival will be held Sunday, from

5 to 7 p.m. at the riverbed under the Kintai Bridge. People burn wishes written in calligraphy and straw New Year decorations to wish for good health in the new year.

Calligraphy Exhibition

A calligraphy exhibition will be held Friday through Tuesday at the Iwakuni Central Library. For more information call the library at 32-0046.

Women's League Basketball

A women's basketball tournament will be held Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. at the City Sports Park. Tickets are available at the Sports Park, city gymna-

sium and local sports shops. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Due to limited parking space, people are encouraged to use the shuttle bus service from the riverbed under the Kintai Bridge to the Sports Park. For more information call 24-1234.

Classified Ads

Vehicles for sale

—1987 Nissan Skyline, 2-door, black, auto, A/C and heat, AM/FM, CD player, Alpine speakers, JCI till May 2002, \$1,000. Call Chief Hernandez at 253-4636 dwh or 253-7636 awh.

—1988 Subaru Domingo, sunroof, A/C, cassette, approximately 81,000 miles, 8-pass, JCI till June 2001, \$1,000 negotiable. Call Lance Cpl. Graham at 253-6016 dwh or 253-7958 awh.

—1990 Toyota Corsa, 5-door, JCI till February 2002, \$500. Call Dolores Magallanes at 253-2535.

—1990 Honda Integra, A/C, auto, PS/PB/PW, AM/FM cassette, JCI till September 2002, \$2,200. Call Therese Fitzgerald at 253-4383 dwh or 253-6385 awh.

—1991 Honda Civic, 4-door sedan, 1,800cc, auto, blue, A/C and heat, cassette, JCI till April 2002, \$1,500. Call Master Sgt. McNeal at 253-5314 dwh or 253-2047 awh.

Other items for sale

—Whirlpool super capacity washer, \$400; Whirlpool large capacity dryer, \$100; Huffy girl's bicycle, \$10. Call Dolores Magallanes at 253-2535.

—Nineteen-inch Japanese TV, \$40; Japanese VCR, \$40; Japanese fullsize refrigerator, \$70; Japanese washer and dryer, \$60 each; 100-115V voltage transformers, \$20 each. Call Cpl. Schrank at 253-5823 dwh or 090-8067-3444 awh.

—Computer, CYRIX 266MHz, 40MG RAM, 4.6GB HD, Windows 98 second edition, MS Office, Internet Explorer, CD-ROM player, \$200; Sony LD-VCD player, \$150. Call Ray Amparo at 253-6249 dwh or 253-2106 awh.

—Furniture sale, four-drawer dresser, six-drawer dresser, 13-inch TV and much more. Sale will be Feb. 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Building 1635.

—White french provincial girls youth furniture: double dresser, single dreser, vertical mirror, lingerie chest, night stand, student desk w/top hutch, desk chain, \$500 for all or mix and match/make an offer. Call Jeannie at 253-2990 or ask for Jeannie at Commissary.

Wanted

—Looking for washer and dryer for on-base housing. If you're interested in selling any time soon, call Lt. Cross at 253-2143 dwh or 253-6562 awh.

—Wanted male or female vocalist for band. Call Kenji Miyata at 090-7973-7782.

MCCS job openings

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel:)

—Materials Handler, Warehouse, NA-05, regular full time.

—Retail Ops Assistant, Service Station, NF-02, regular full time.

—Computer Operator, Information Technology, NF-02, flexible.

—Training Specialist, Performance Improvement Office, NF-04, regular full time.

—Clerk-Typist, MCCS Operations, NF-02, regular full time.

—Contracting Officer, Contracting and Purchasing, NF-04, regular full time.

—Public Relations Technician, Marketing, NF-02, flexible.

—Automotive Helper, Service Station, NA-05, regular part time.

—Storeworker Foreman, Main Exchange, NS-02, regular full time.

—Duty Manager, Bachelor Housing, NF-02, flexible.

—Library Aid, Library, NF-01, regular full time.

—Waiter/Waitress, Club Iwakuni, NA-03, regular full time

and flexible.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Exchange, NF-01, regular full time and flexible.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, S/S 7 Day Store, NF-01, regular part time.

—Store Worker, Main Exchange, NA-02, regular full time and flexible.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, Auto Mini Mart, NF-01, regular full time, part time and flexible.

—Car Rental/Service Station Attendant, Service Station, NF-01, regular full time.

—Program Assistant, Child Development Center, CC-1, regular full time and flexible.

—Recreation Assistant, NF-02, regular full time and flexible.

—Recreation Attendant, NF-01, regular part time and flexible.

(Pick up a job application in the MCCS Personnel Office, Crossroads Mall second floor, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or call 253-3030.)

—The program currently has an opening for a home visitor in Iwakuni. The requirements are as follows: Knowledge of military system/community resources, licensed LCSW or RN (RN must possess an AA or BS degree in community health, public health or maternal/child nursing), two or more years Postgraduate experience in community health, public health/maternal/child nursing, home visiting or family/child counseling. A driver's license and insurance are required. Only applicants meeting stated contract qualifications will be considered. Call Lilia M. Blair at 253-6553, or stop by the Community Services Building 411, Room 127. The Marine New Parent Support Program is a joint effort between the United States Marine Corps and J & E Associates, Washington, D.C.

—MCCS Semper Fit is seeking an instructor to teach hula to children and adults. Call 253-6359 for more information on this contract position.

HRO job openings

—Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-9/11, open until filled.

—Meatcutter Leader, WL-7407-07, open until filled.

—Store Worker, WG-6914-04, open until filled.

—Education Technician, GS-1702-04/05, open until filled.

—Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor(s), open until filled.

—Mechanical Engineer, GS-0830-12, open until filled.

—Child Development Center Director, GS-1701-09, open until filled.

—Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-07, open until filled.

—Interdisciplinary (Psychologist/Social Worker) GS-018X-11, open until filled.

—Victim Advocate, GS-101-09, open until filled.

—Cable Splicer Supervisor (Communication), WS-2504-07, open until filled.

—Safety and Occupational Health Specialist, GS-018-11, open until filled.

For additional information and appropriate forms call CHRO, Building 360, Room 32 at 253-6828.

To submit your ads or announcement ...

Torii Teller accepts ads/announcement for nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii Teller reserves the right to edit to fit space. To submit, stop by Building 360, Room 7 to fill out a form.

Weekend's Weather

TodaySaturdaySundayMonday



Tide Table

	Low tide		High tide	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
Jan. 12	4:57 a.m.	-1.31	11:30 a.m.	11.47
	5:27 p.m.	2.29	11:24 p.m.	9.73
Jan. 13	---	---	---	---
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Jan. 14	6:27 a.m.	0.00	0:12 a.m.	9.40
	6:57 p.m.	2.45	12:54 p.m.	10.39
Jan. 15	7:09 a.m.	1.10	1 a.m.	8.87
	7:51 p.m.	2.64	1:36 p.m.	9.65
Jan. 16	8:03 a.m.	2.34	1:54 a.m.	8.23
	8:45 p.m.	2.82	2:30 p.m.	8.91
Jan. 17	9:03 a.m.	3.54	3:06 a.m.	7.65
	9:51 p.m.	2.87	3:24 p.m.	8.26
Jan. 18	10:21 a.m.	4.46	4:36 a.m.	7.46
	11:15 p.m.	2.66	4:30 p.m.	7.82

Movie Schedule

Friday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Tribute (PG)

1 p.m./9 p.m. Crime Of The Century (PG-13)

11 p.m. Three Kings (R)

Saturday

10 a.m./7 p.m. El Dorado (PG)

1 p.m./9 p.m. Two Of Hearts (PG-13)

11 p.m. The Untouchables (R)

Sunday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Marciano (NR)

1 p.m./9 p.m. Lost In Space (PG-13)

11 p.m. Since You've Been Gone (R)

Monday

10 a.m./7 p.m. The Three Musketeers (PG)

1 p.m./9 p.m. The Nephew (PG-13)

11 p.m. Alien: Resurrection (R)

Tuesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Rocket Gibraltar (PG)

1 p.m./9 p.m. Race The Sun (PG-13)

11 p.m. The Ultimate Weapon (R)

Wednesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Sunset Blvd (NR)

1 p.m./9 p.m. Same River Twice (PG-13)

11 p.m. Why Do Fools Fall in Love (R)

Thursday

10 a.m./7 p.m. The Simpsons (PG)

1 p.m./9 p.m. Mickey Blue Eyes (PG-13)

11 p.m. Under The Hula Moon (R)

Friday

7 p.m. Red Planet

10 p.m. Lucky Numbers

Saturday

4 p.m. Red Planet

7 p.m. Lucky Numbers

10 p.m. Vertical Limit

Sunday

4 p.m. Red Planet

7 p.m. Vertical Limit

Monday

4 p.m. The Emperor's New Groove

7 p.m. Lucky Numbers

Tuesday

7 p.m. Red Planet

Wednesday

7 p.m. Vertical Limit

Thursday

Closed

Red Planet (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence, brief nudity and language. (128 minutes)

In the future, pollution and overpopulation are making the Earth uninhabitable. Humanity's only hope is to colonize Mars by using algae to produce oxygen, but when the algae mysteriously disappear, astronauts are sent to Mars. The spaceship, led by Commander Bowman (Carrie-Anne Moss), is preparing to land when a sudden emergency forces her to crash-land on the planet. The survivors, including systems engineer (Val Kilmer) and scientists (Tom Sizemore and Simon Baker) have to figure out how to return to their ship and learn the truth about the algae while they avoid ship's malfunctioning robot which is trying to kill them all.

Lucky Numbers (R)

Rated R for language, sexuality, some drug use and brief violence. (108 minutes)

A popular Los Angeles weatherman, Richards (John Travolta), convinces his coworker, Leroy (Lisa Kudrow), to rig the numbers so that he can make a little extra cash. Having squandered his own earnings on trivial pursuits, Richards is desperate for a financial break. However, his plan goes terribly wrong.

Vertical Limit (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for intense life/death situations and brief strong language. (122 minutes)

When a team of K-2 climbers lead by a ruthlessly determined young woman (Robin Tunney) attempts to reach the peak in inhuman weather conditions, a series of irreversible disasters occur. The leader's brother (Chris O'Donnell), also an expert climber, organizes a rescue mission to save the stranded team.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. Comments can be directed to MCCS at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai:

Jan. 13-26

"Frequency" - 10:30 a.m., 2:50 p.m., 7:10 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:10 p.m.

"What Lies Beneath" - 12:30 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

New Central I:

Jan. 13-14

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" - 10 a.m.

"Vertical Limit" - 12 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 6:40 p.m., (Sat. only) 9 p.m.

"Six Day" - 4:30 p.m., (Sat. only) 9 p.m.

Jan. 15-26

"Vertical Limit" - 12 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 6:40 p.m., (Sat. only) 9 p.m.

"Six Day" - 4:30 p.m., (Sat. only) 9 p.m.

New Central II:

Jan. 13 - end of January

No English Movies

New Central III:

Jan. 13-26

No English Movies

Education

Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday

- College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

Jan. 17 - ACT

Jan. 18 - Scholastic Assessment Test

Jan. 25 - Electronic Data Processing Test

Jan. 29 - Defense Language Proficiency Test
- Defense Language Aptitude Battery

Jan. 31 - Armed Forces Classification Test

Testing begins at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in Building 411, Room 101. Sign up 15 minutes prior. There is a fee for civilian personnel but not for service members. Call 253-3855.

Total Quality Training Opportunities

Total Quality classes offered:

Anyone is welcome to sign up and take the classes. There is no fee for students. Call 253-4719 or e-mail schnoorm@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Sign up today.

Term III Registration

Term III registration will be available until Jan. 19, for both University of Maryland and Central Texas College. Term dates are Jan. 22 through March 17.

Students interested in taking English or Mathematics should call 253-3494 to schedule placement examinations, prior to Monday. For more information call the University of Maryland at 253-3494 or Central Texas College at 253-3484.

Community

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are on the second floor of Building 497. For more information call 43-4814.

Medical Clinic Health Promotions

Tobacco Cessation Courses will be held Wednesday, Jan. 19, 24, 26, Feb. 7, 9, 14, 16, March 21, 23, 28, and 30. Cholesterol, nutrition and hypertension counseling will also be offered on an individual basis by calling the Branch Medical Clinic at 253-3266.

Visiting Clinicians

The Branch Medical Clinic Iwakuni will be hosting visiting clinicians in the areas of dermatology, urology, surgery and OB from Jan. 22-24. Personnel needing follow-up appointments with these visiting clinicians should contact their Primary Care Manager and schedule an appointment at 253-3445.

Preschool Screening

A free developmental screening will be offered

for children from birth to 5 years of age, Jan. 23-24 by EDIS and M.C. Perry personnel. Appointments are limited. To make an appointment call 253-4562.

Baby-sitting Course

American Red Cross will hold a baby-sitting course, Jan. 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. There is a fee involved. For more information call 253-4525 or stop by Building 1100, Marine Memorial Center. Registration is required and seating is limited.

Iwakuni Mothers Of Preschoolers

Take your preschoolers and join the Mothers Of Preschoolers, where moms help moms. Children, newborn to kindergarten, will learn and play in a supervised class/playtime while mothers are relaxed. For more information call Karen Lyons at 253-2258.

Iwakuni MOPS is a chapter of Mothers of Preschoolers, International, Inc., and meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel's multi-purpose room. MOPS does not meet if M.C. Perry schools are out for any reason.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society needs your volunteer services. The Iwakuni office, located in Building 1100, Room 148, is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They have openings for volunteers to work as interviewers, budget counselors, receptionists, publicists and blanket crocheters for the layette packages. Child care fees are reimbursed for volunteers. Both active duty and spouses are welcome. Call 253-5311.

That 70s Dance

That 70s Dance will be held Jan. 20 at Club Iwakuni. A \$5 fee needs to be paid for at the door. Call 253-2943.

Latinos Unidos

Latinos Unidos will be hosting a dance Saturday, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at the Iwakuni Club. The Event is open to all ranks. Call 253-6851.

PCS With Success Workshop

A PCS With Success Workshop will be held Jan. 26, 1-4 p.m. in Building 411, Room 123. Guest speakers from various departments on base will give tips on how to make your next PCS move go more smoothly. This workshop is given every other month. If you or any of your personnel require relocation information before the next scheduled workshop, just call 253-3311 to schedule an appointment to meet one-on-one.

Marine Corps Community Services

Field Goal Kick Contest

Tickets are on sale at Club Iwakuni cash cages and in the MCCS Marketing Office for the Super Bowl Monday \$10,000 Field Goal Kick Contest. The "car guys" of Exchange New Car Sales will sell tickets Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in the entrance of the Main Exchange. A drawing will be held in Club Iwakuni's ballroom during the Super Bowl halftime; the holder of the drawn ticket will

have the change to kick a field goal from the 35-yard line outside the club. Complete rules are available in the Marketing Office, second floor of Crossroads Mall, or on the MCCS home page at www.mccsiwakuni.com. Call 253-5284.

MCCS Personnel Hours

Effective Monday, the hours of operation were changed to Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

LINKS Meets

Marine Corps Family Team Building holds a LINKS session for military spouses Jan. 23-25, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. For more information call 253-3754.

School Lunch Program

Applications for free or reduced price school lunches are available at the Personal Services Division in Community Services Building, Room 236. For more information call 253-6352/3070.

TAMP/TAP Briefing

This pre-separation brief and job search seminar will be held Tuesday-Friday, Jan. 23-26, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 217. Military personnel within 180 days of separating and their family members are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register, service members should contact their career planner.

Reserve Briefing

The Marine Corps Reserve Program will brief Jan. 24, 10-11:30 a.m., in the Community Services Building, Room 217. Separating Marines interested in joining are invited to attend. For more information call 253-6439.

Chapel Services

Chapel News

(1) Chapel Annex (2) Marine Memorial Center

Roman Catholic

Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Mass	(2)
Sunday	9 a.m.	Mass	(2)

Protestant

Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist	(1)
Sunday	10 a.m.	Church of Christ	(2)
	10:30 a.m.	General Service	(2)
	noon	United Pentecostal Service	(2)

Latter Day Saints

Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Service	(1)
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Jewish

Friday	6 p.m.	Shabat	(2)
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For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity call the station Chapel at 253-5218. For information on Jewish services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station Chapel.

Sports Briefs

Indoor Pool Closes

The Main Gym's Indoor Pool closes until Jan. 25 for maintenance. The management and staff appreciate your patience and understanding as these repairs are completed.

Ski Mizuho

Outdoor Recreation will take Status of Forces Agreement sponsored personnel skiing at Mizuho Highlands Monday and Jan. 27, departing the air station at 5 a.m. There is a fee. For more information call 253-3822.

Holiday Bowling Special

On Monday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, bowl two games for the price of one all day 1-9 p.m. at the Southside Lanes.

Volleyball Coach Needed

Athletics is accepting resumes for a volleyball coach through Feb. 1. Contact Rusty

Reese at 253-5777 for details.

Sled Mominoki

Outdoor Recreation will take a sledding trip to Mominoki Jan. 20, departing the air station at 8 a.m. Status of Forces Agreement sponsored identification card holders and one guest each may participate; ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. There is a fee. Call 253-3822.

Sergeants' Major House Golf Tournament

The sergeants major host a golf tournament Jan. 20, 8:30 a.m. at Torii Pines Golf Course. Play is open to active duty personnel, retirees, civilian employees, their family members and invited guests. There is an entry fee. Call 253-3402 or Sgt. Maj. Tupuola at 253-4593.

76ers edge out Knights 22-19

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

The 76ers squeaked by the Knights 22-19 during game one of the 9- to 12-year-old Youth Sports basketball at the Main Gym Jan. 6.

Terry Alexander, 76ers guard, led the charge against the Knights, scoring 12 of his teams 22-team points and thwarting their defense.

"The first half was iffy," said Thomas Williamson, 76ers coach. "We emphasized and focused on teamwork and the things we went over in practice."

In the first quarter, the two teams felt each other out by double, triple and sometimes quadruple coverage on the opposing ball handler. Scoring remained in the favor of the Knights throughout the first half.

"We knew it was going to be a learning game," said Mike Rowland, Knights coach. "We learned that in practice what they do is different than what they do when out there with their peers." According to Williamson, talents hidden during practice became exposed during the game.

The second half brought out more skills from the 76ers, and allowed them to surpass the Knights.

"We started working together more and got into the right positions during the second half," said Alex Cosby, 76ers forward. "It allowed us to score more points."

Both teams kept the score close with shots from outside the key, but lack of defense by the Knights allowed fast breaks to slip inside for easy points.

"As a team, we played offensive the best and moved around a lot," said Kaili Rowland, Knights post guard. "Defense was our problem."

In the end, the offensive power of the 76ers was just a little too much for the Knights to overcome. There was no retreat by the Knights despite their loss. Both teams walked away having learned something.

"I learned a lot of things from my opponents," Alexander said. "I learned things like screening plays and presses."

The 76ers went home victorious, but there are 13 more games left in the season for the Knights to return in full armor and take them on again.

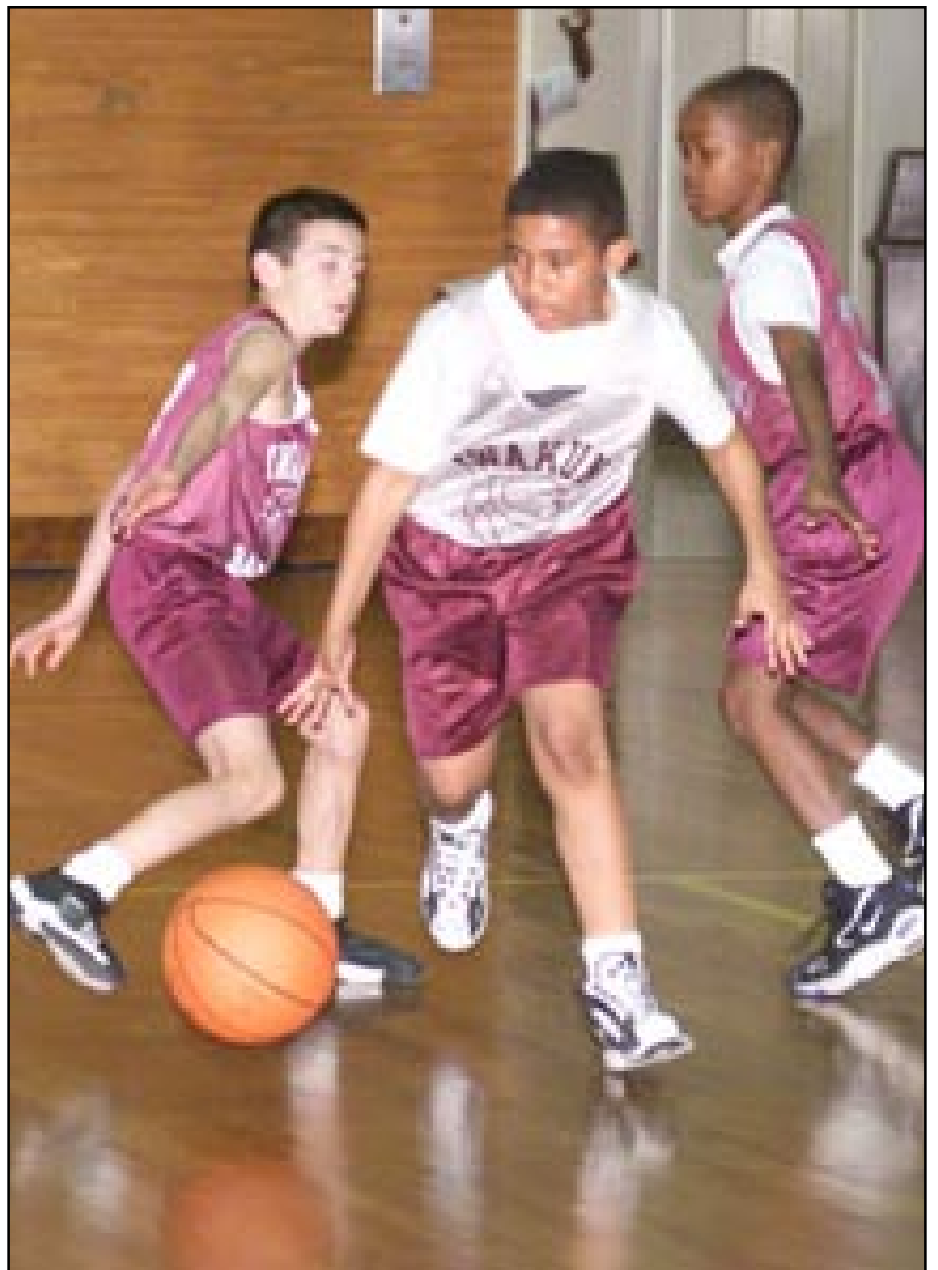


photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

76ers point guard, Jacob Williamson, splits Knight defenders Kenneth Rowland (left) and Kenneth Vinson, to take the ball up the middle for a layup. The 76ers finished the game on top, 22-19.



During their training, the Lil' Dragons perform multiple punching exercises and learn proper techniques.



Lil' Dragons kick tail

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

A new martial arts program at the Main Gym is teaching children self-defense, as well as self-confidence.

The Lil' Dragons Program, offered to children ages 4 to 6, teaches the ancient art of Tae Kwon Do, as well as other constructive qualities.

Tae Kwon Do is a Korean martial art form, which means to kick and strike with the feet and hands. It is designed to not only teach physical prowess, but also the moral development of the student.

"This is a great program because it gets children interacting with each other, as well as promoting overall fitness," said Nan Schaefer, class instructor.

Schaefer, a second-degree black belt and certified Tae Kwon Do instructor, feels the course is a great benefit to the children as well as the parents.

"The kids have a really good time in the class, and we try to have as much fun as possible while we train," Schaefer said. "Many of the skills we teach have taught the children to be more respectful to their parents and to perform better at school."

During the class, Lil' Dragons learn basic martial art kicks, punches, rolls and falls. It also promotes respect and discipline, coordination

and balance development, as well as working and playing with other children in a fun atmosphere.

Because children learn new things at a different pace than adults, Schaefer uses some unique training techniques to keep the class as entertaining.

"I try to make the class like a game as much as possible," Schaefer said. "It keeps them having fun and training hard at the same time."

As children acquire new skills in the course, they are awarded with stars along the sleeves of their Lil' Dragon T-shirts. The child who shows the most respect and discipline during each session is allowed to pick the color of the smiley face they are rewarded with at the end of each day.

"These little rewards really keep them trying," Schaefer said. "Whether it's getting a new star or picking the color of the marker, it gives the child a goal to work hard for."

When the class is over, each child bows their head respectfully and gives high fives to each other before leaving the mat.

According to Schaefer, parents who are interested in the program are encouraged to bring their child to the class and see how they interact with others.

The classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 4:30 p.m., and 4:30 to 5 p.m. There is a \$24 monthly fee to participate. For more information call 253-6578.



photos by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare

Nan Schaefer, class instructor and second degree black belt, leads the Lil' Dragons in kicking drills.